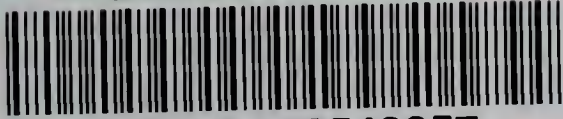
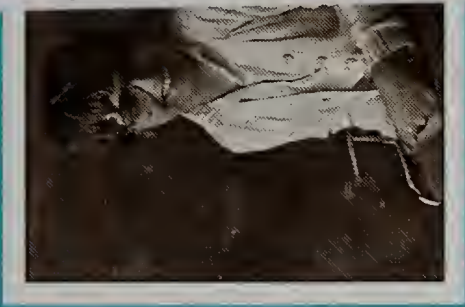


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### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Evaluation and counseling, job training and placement, educational assistance, equipment and follow-up services. DORS also funds Supported Employment Programs, which enable people with severe disabilities to work in the private sector, and Jobs Now, an employment referral and job placement network linking employers with pre-screened applicants with disabilities.



### **Home Services**

Personal assistants and a variety of support services for people with disabilities, including AIDS, under age 60. Services are provided if a person can be cared for at home for less cost than nursing home care.



### **Centers for Independent Living**

Consumer directed, non-profit community agencies that provide information and referral, peer counseling, skills training and advocacy to persons with disabilities.



### **Bureau of Blind Services**

Independent living skills training, vocational rehabilitation and other services to adults who are blind or visually impaired. The Illinois Rehabilitation and Education Center-Wood is a short-term residential or day center in Chicago for blind or visually impaired adults, including senior citizens, to help them adjust to their disability. The Vending Facility Program provides job training and small business opportunities for persons who are legally blind to operate food and vending stands in public buildings and highway rest areas.



### **Services for Persons Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

Provides information and referral, interpreter services, in-service training, technical assistance and other programs for people who are deaf or hard of hearing or have a combination of hearing and visual impairments.



### **Client Assistance Program**

Ensures DORS clients receive quality services by helping them understand procedures, resolve problems and protect their rights in the rehabilitation process.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act Assistance**

Information, referral, accessibility surveys and technical assistance to employers, public entities and others on ADA compliance.





The Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state's lead agency serving people with disabilities. With other agencies, businesses and organizations, we strive to develop programs that provide opportunities for independence and equality for all people with disabilities.

Whether it be vocational training, home services, education, advocacy or information and referral, our employees assist people with disabilities to achieve their potential and participate in the activities of their local communities.

If you or someone you know has a disability and would like more information about our services, contact your local DORS office or call the Disabled Individuals Assistance Line at 1-800-233-DIAL (Voice/TTY).

With all best wishes,

*Audrey McCrimon*

Audrey McCrimon, *Director*



## **Toll-Free Assistance Numbers (Voice/TTY)**

**1-800-233-DIAL**.....Disabled Individuals Assistance Line, providing information and referral

**1-800-JOBS NOW**....Employment placement service for employers

**1-800-641-3929** .....Client Assistance Program (CAP) Hotline

**1-800-637-8856**.....Social Security Disability Assistance Unit Hotline

**1-800-447-4221** .....ABLE DATA information and resource hotline, a computer listing of thousands of disability related resources

**1-800-468-9211** .....Message Relay Service for persons with hearing impairments, a third-party message service from the Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf

**1-800-232-1097** .....DORS Resource Center, a library of information on disability issues

**1-800-852-5110**.....Illinois Assistive Technology Project provides information and referral regarding equipment to assist people with disabilities

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